

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

Federal-State Joint Conference on  
Advanced Telecommunications Services

CC Docket No. 99-294

**ORDER**

**Adopted: February 8, 2005**

**Released: February 9, 2005**

By the Commission:

1. By this Order, and pursuant to Section 410(b) of the Communications Act of 1934 ("Communications Act"),<sup>1</sup> we hereby fill three vacancies created in the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services ("Joint Conference") by recent departures from the Joint Conference. These appointments fill the positions recently vacated by Nanette Thompson (Regulatory Commission of Alaska), Irma Muse Dixon (Louisiana Public Service Commission), and Bob Rowe (Montana Public Service Commission) as a result of their departure from the public service. The Commission gratefully acknowledges the important contributions of these individuals to the work of the Joint Conference.

2. The Joint Conference was convened in 1999 as part of the Commission's ongoing efforts to ensure that advanced services are deployed as rapidly as possible to all Americans.<sup>2</sup> The Joint Conference serves as a forum for an ongoing dialogue between the Commission, state regulators, and local and regional entities regarding the deployment of advanced telecommunications capabilities. The Joint Conference is comprised of commissioners from state public utilities commissions and from the Federal Communications Commission and is chaired by the FCC Chairman or his designee.<sup>3</sup>

3. Among other things, the Joint Conference is responsible for monitoring and collecting data regarding the practices of carriers as they deploy advanced services throughout the nation. The Joint Conference has held a series of field hearings across the country to examine how best to accelerate the deployment of affordable advanced services to rural and other under-served telecommunications users. Through these, and other, activities, the Joint Conference has worked cooperatively to promote the widespread deployment of advanced services.

<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 410(b).

<sup>2</sup> See *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services*, CC Docket No. 99-294, Order, 14 FCC Rcd 17622.

<sup>3</sup> On April 5, 2002, FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell designated FCC Commissioner Kevin I. Martin to chair the Joint Conference. See "FCC Chairman Powell Designates Commissioner Kevin J. Martin to Chair the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services," 2002 WL 507326 (Apr. 5, 2002).

4. Therefore, to help the Joint Conference achieve its broad mandate, and pursuant to section 410(b) of the Communications Act,<sup>4</sup> the Commission hereby appoints the Honorable Paul G. Afonso, Chair, Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy; the Honorable Larry S. Landis, Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; and the Honorable Connie O. Hughes, Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, to serve on the Joint Conference.

5. Henceforth, a copy of all filings in this proceeding shall be served on each of the following members of the Joint Conference at the following addresses:

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<sup>4</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 410(b).

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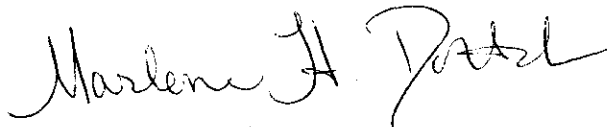
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8. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to Section 410(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §410(b), the Honorable Paul G. Afonso, Chair, Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy; the Honorable Larry S. Landis, Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; and the Honorable Connie O. Hughes, Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, are appointed to the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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